



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Colin Mills
- Bill Bouie
- Cathy Vivona
- John Gasson
- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman
- Carol Ann Bradley

Absent and Excused:

- Roger Lowen

Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Kristin Terrill, Public Information Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #1:

Colin moved that the Agenda be approved as written. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 12, 2011 Board Minutes:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #2:

Colin moved that the Board approve the September 12, 2011 Board Minutes. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 12, 2011 Board Actions:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #3:

Colin moved that the Board approve the September 12, 2011 Board Actions. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks:

Beverly noted that the Reston Multicultural Festival was a wonderful event. This was the second year the naturalization ceremony was held at the festival. Doves were released after the ceremony and it was very moving.

There were no visitors.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended:

John stated that the IPAR annual fundraising event is coming up on November 10 and everyone is encouraged to buy tickets. He has been busy planning that event with the IPAR fundraising committee. John also noted that the RCC Preference Poll Candidates Forum was held on September 21 and all are encouraged to vote.

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Bill B. has been busy with IPAR meetings and Park Authority meetings. Everything is moving ahead for those organizations. He saw the Candidates Forum and congratulates all participants on a good discussion.

Colin attended the Multicultural Festival and especially enjoyed the Tae Kwon Do demonstration. He did not attend the Candidates Forum, but reminds all to vote and be aware of the voting deadlines of October 14 for mail-in ballots and October 15 for walk-in and online ballots.

Carol attended the Multicultural Festival, and especially enjoyed seeing the new citizens at the naturalization ceremony. She attended the Music in Community panel featuring Nnenna Freelon and it was very informative. She is looking forward to Nnenna Freelon performing at the CenterStage in January. Carol noted that Nnenna Freelon had very complimentary things to say about South Lakes High School, including what a joyful place it is and that she was honored to work with the people there.

Cathy attended the Deep River performance, the Multicultural Festival, Bridge, and the Candidates Forum. She thanked Leila for her responsiveness to all Preference Poll candidates.

Bill P. participated in the Candidates Forum and attended the Multicultural Festival, the Deep River performance, and a Task Force meeting. He also started a sculpture class and finished a project he had started earlier in the woodshop.

Bill K. is continuing to work with the Task Force along with Bill P. and has attended a series of meetings related to rail issues. Phase two of the Master Plan will move beyond the rail station discussion and will include plans for the village centers. This phase starts November 16. Bill K. is also working with the RCC Building Committee and Edens & Avant on their proposed changes for the Hunters Woods Village Center.

Beverly noted that Roger was not in attendance at this board meeting. She and Roger attended the Reston Association Design Review Board meeting where the proposed changes to Hunters Woods were discussed. The concept was approved, based on the same information we had seen before from Edens & Avant.

Leila got a letter from the Design Review Board and they approved Edens & Avant's proposed changes to the Hunters Woods parking lot, but deferred approval of proposed changes to the landscaping and pedestrian flow through the village center, pending further discussions with affected parties including RCC and others. Another meeting is scheduled with Edens & Avant at 5:00 p.m. on October 12 in Leila's office. Bill K. and Roger will attend this meeting and we hope to have a conversation about signage and lighting and the suggested drop-off area, as well as possible ways to collaborate with IPAR to do something more creative. Beverly said Roger had noted that improving the signage might be one opportunity to partner with IPAR on something more artistic.

Bill P. asked if Edens & Avant is still thinking just in terms of sprucing up the village center. Bill K. said it seems like just sprucing up for now and then seeing how things evolve in the future.

Beverly mentioned that there was some pushback from the Design Review Board because people were unsure even just about the changes proposed so far. A concern was raised about not wanting to just approve everything and make mistakes similar to mistakes made in the past.

Beverly attended the Multicultural Festival and enjoyed the naturalization ceremony and her opportunity to sing *God Bless America*. The Reston Community Orchestra started rehearsals last week with several new people. On the first night of orchestra rehearsal everyone said what their day job was. This emphasized the idea of people coming together from different places and experiences, which was also highlighted at the Music in Community discussion.

Executive Director's Report:

See attached report.

Bill P. mentioned that he hears lots of compliments from patrons using Lake Anne, despite the recent water damage.

Old Business

There was no old business.

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New Business

Carol Ann would like to announce that Reston Interfaith will have a fundraising walk to end homelessness, the Reston Interfaith Community Walk, on Sunday, October 23 and we have flyers in the RCC lobby. John asked where the walk will start. It will start at the Westin Hotel and participants will walk to RCC and back, covering 3 miles. Beverly noted that the date was originally Sunday, October 16 and was changed to Sunday, October 23.

Cathy asked if any committee meetings were scheduled in October. Leila said no, and that the Finance Committee meeting in particular was not scheduled due to the county's planned software changes in October. We would like to try to get through that transition before generating new reports.

Beverly noted that we are partnering with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University on the Meet the Artists series. She will appear as part of this series from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6. She will answer questions and sing. Beverly also reminded everyone of the rescheduled Lake Anne Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, October 8 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Subsequently to this meeting, the date was changed to October 16 at 2:30 p.m. in light of the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, on October 8.)

MOTION #4:

Colin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.



William Penniman,
Board Secretary

October 18, 2011

Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON OCTOBER 3, 2011

- 11-1003-1 Bd That the Board approve the agenda.**
- 11-1003-2 Bd That the Board approve the September 12, 2011 Board minutes.**
- 11-1003-3 Bd That the Board approve the September 12, 2011 Board actions.**
- 11-1003-4 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**



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Board Secretary

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RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



Executive Director's Report September, 2011

Administration

Capital Projects: The flooding mitigation is over at RCC Lake Anne; our punch list is roughly 50% complete and continues to be worked. The facility will be "deep cleaned" on Friday, October 7, in preparation for the ribbon cutting on Saturday, October 8. The Community Room project is on track to have most of the architectural work completed by the October 8 deadline. Lighting fixtures were delayed at the factory, so the installation will be worked around the use schedule; similarly, sound equipment will be delivered and installed, but the fine-tuning and adjusting needed will occur around the use schedule. The rear wheelchair ramp is essentially finished except for the railings. We will need to see the shop drawings for those and it will take about three weeks once we approve the drawings for the installation of the railings. The ADA related projects in Aquatics are nearly complete; the automatic doors have been installed. The ADA doors in both facilities' entrances are complete; the old sliding doors in the HW facility will be replaced in the first couple weeks of October.

Preference Poll: Ballots began hitting mailboxes on Saturday, September 24th and continued through the following Monday and Tuesday. The voting was extended through Saturday, October 15, at 5:00 p.m. for online/walk-in balloting; mailed in ballots will be counted if received by 5:00 p.m. on October 14. Officials from the League of Women Voters, working with Deputy Director Tom Ward, will complete the entries from verified provisional ballots on Sunday, October 16. Candidates will be notified of the exact time so they may observe if desired.

Programs

The 2011 Reston Multicultural Festival was very well planned and executed and fortunately, there was no rain. Although the weather was still somewhat bleak, affecting the turnout, the event was extremely well-received in the press and by those who attended. Another Arts and Events highlight was a first-ever day-long (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) convening of music educators in the South Lakes High School pyramid held on September 30th at the high school. The Arts and Events team, and our Teen Program Director, worked with SLHS to arrange this and to provide the keynote commentary by Nnenna Freelon and TS Monk. The artists spoke to some at risk teens after delivering the keynote talk. RCC former Board member Karen Cleveland also supported the program by moderating the day's discussions. About 40 music educators attended and this was a very creative form of outreach to our local educators and students.

September Leisure and Learning class starts improved slightly over last year with 1,026 registered compared to 1,007 in September, 2010. New classes fared well including a Teen cooking class, *Touchdown Favorites*, with 67% enrollment; the Adult Program's *French for Beginners* (100% enrollment); and two Senior Adult programs, *How to Ride the Bus* (68% enrollment) and *Joint Friendly Fitness* (70% enrollment).

Aquatics classes are tracking to their normally full status. The issues of the American Red Cross fee increase and programming impacts/establishment of an improved approach to offering private lessons are both in progress. RCC's Aquatics staff team is providing our CPR instruction to the public this fall season for the first time (previously taught by outside providers.)

Executive Director

September activities included support to the Preference Poll process; meeting with the new CEO of Reston Hospital, Tim McManus; meeting with LARCA on the flooding issue; attended a seminar on Disaster Recovery at the Government Center.